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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: NUCLEAR POWERED WARSHIP VISITS TO AUSTRALIA

REF: STATE 117949 (DTG 132020Z MAY 76)

1. ROY FERNANDEZ, FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DFA'S DEFENSE DIVISION, CALLED EMBOFF RE NPW VISITS ON MAY 20. FERNANDEZ IS A GOOD FRIEND OF THE U.S. AND A STRONG SUPPORTER OF NPW VISITS TO AUSTRALIA. FERNANDEZ CAUTIONED USG AGAINST PUSHING THE GOA TOO HARD ON THIS ISSUE AND POINTED OUT THAT WHILE THE POLITICAL DECISION TO ALLOW RESUMPTION OF NPW VISITS HAD BEEN MADE IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR US TO ALLOW THE GOA'S ADMITTEDLY CUMBERSOME BUREAUCRATIC MACHINERY TO GET ALL THE ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS WORKED OUT WITH THE VARIOUS STATE GOVERNMENTS PRIOR TO SUCH A VISIT. WORKING LEVEL GOA OFFICIALS WERE DETERMINED TO BRING THE FIRST NPW VISIT OFF WITHOUT A HITCH AND FERNANDEZ GAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT TOO MUCH POLITICAL PRESSURE FROM THE GOA CABINET COULD PRECIPITATE ON NPW VISIT UNDER LESS THAN IDEAL CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN ALL THE DETAILS HAD NOT BEEN WORKED OUT SATISFACTORILY WITH

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THE VARIOUS STATE GOVERNMENTS WHICH HAVE IMPORTANT

RESPONSIBILITIES RE PORT CLEARANCES. HE GAVE EMBOFF THE IMPRESSION THAT ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE WORKED OUT PRIOR TO AN AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER NPW VISIT. EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE FERNANDEZ' COMMENTS REQUIRE ANY CHANGE IN PRESENT TACTICS IN PLANS AND TRANSMITS THEM FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

2. FERNANDEZ ALSO ASKED FOR AN ESTIMATE ON WHEN THE UNCLASSIFIED DIRECTIVE TO THE NAVY CONTAINING IMPLEMENTING INSTRUCTIONS RE PL 93-513 WILL BE MADE PUBLIC. IN HIS VIEW, IT WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE HELPFUL IF THE IMPLEMENTING INSTRUCTIONS WERE ISSUED JUST PRIOR TO AN NPW VISIT TO AUSTRALIA.

3. FERNANDEZ ALSO ASKED IF WE COULD PROVIDE THE GOA WITH A COPY OF THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT USG ISSUES IN DEALING PUBLICLY WITH VISITS BY UK NPW'S TO U.S. PORTS. HARGROVE

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